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Port Colborne
resident
Patty Moss
is pictured
with one of
the many
monarch
butterflies
she has been
working to
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UPFRONT

■ **ENVIRONMENT:** Monarchs to benefit from plan to delay grass cutting in parts of Port Colborne

Butterfly project begins to take flight

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QMI Agency Niagara

The wheels, or wings, are in motion to move an innovative Port Colborne pilot project forward.

The lakeside city's environmental advisory committee hopes to see rural roadside grass cutting delayed during the summer to protect monarch butterflies and their offspring.

The idea was brought to council in September by citizen scientist Patty Moss, who has since been working with the committee to see the project take flight.

Moss spent the warmer months of 2014 collecting data on the black-and-orange butterflies for several U.S. universities.

During that time, she was surprised to find hundreds of monarch eggs in milkweed patches along several of Port Colborne's rural roads.

Delaying grass cutting between June and October will not only prevent the eggs from being destroyed, but also provide pollinators the food they need until frost arrives.

The project only impacts a small area, including Pinecrest, Cedar Bay and Weaver Rds. south of Killaly St. E.

Past monitoring by Moss showed those areas have high densities of monarch butterfly eggs and caterpillars.

And the three-year project will only include roadside areas scheduled to be cut by the city three times annually, not those tended to by residents.

Ward 4 Coun. Ron Bodner, while willing to help the butterfly population, wanted to make sure issues of liability with growing weeds and any concerns of nearby residents and farmers are addressed before the project is approved.

"We need to be certain we have every member of the public canvassed on these roads," he said.

A letter outlining the initiative, he added, should reach each landowner as well as farmers who lease land in the impacted area.

Bodner warned a wet sum-



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mer could be trouble if weeds grow too high too fast, causing difficulty with sight lines.

If people are not properly informed about the project, he added, they might take matters into their own hands and cut the weeds themselves.

Public consultation is key to success, fellow Ward 4 Coun. Barbara Butters said.

"The most important part of this whole project is the buy-

in from the public. They need to understand why we want to do this."

It might take a bit of time for the volunteer committee to meet with all landowners and ensure they have an understanding of the project, but that's the group's intention, vice-chair George McKibbin said.

Feedback from residents will be summarized and pre-

sented to city staff and council.

Bodner said the committee might have better luck if it approaches residents with guidelines for cutting already in mind, including the setback around residential driveways and trail entrances to ensure unobstructed views.

For the city, settling limits with contractors who take care of cutting in rural areas

is not an issue, said Ron Hanson, Port Colborne's director of engineering and operations.

Guidelines can be put in place to ensure the sides of the trails are cleared to allow pedestrians to safely cross the roadways.

A motion by Ward 2 Coun. Angie Desmarais approved the work done by the environmental committee to this

point.

It also asked that applicable rules and regulations regarding the cutting be outlined and brought back to council along with a summary of public comments.

The report is expected to be back before council in about one month.

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LOCAL NEWS

■ **WEATHER:** Delayed April start first since 1997



Heavy ice has delayed the 2015 opening of the Welland Canal.

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Welland Canal opening put on ice

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QMI Agency Niagara

For the first time since 1997, ships won't be moving along the Welland Canal in March.

St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corp. has delayed the opening of the canal due to the large amount of ice in the seaway system and surrounding waterways.

"It's quite rare that we delay the opening," seaway company spokesman Andrew Bogora said of the event that typically takes place in the third or fourth week of March.

While the start of the navigation season was delayed by a few days in March 2014 due to cold weather conditions, the seaway hasn't been forced to push the launch

back to April since 1997, he said.

This year, ships will begin transiting the canal April 2. The opening date is always determined based on the long-term forecast. As the originally-proposed date of March 27 began approaching, ice was not predicted to recede fast enough and the seaway corporation opted to push the date back, Bogora

said.

"There's no sense in opening if the traffic is unable to move due to the expansive ice sheet."

The seaway corporation must ensure there is a "suitable margin of safety" when the canal is opened to traffic. "Sometimes, as (the launch) gets close, we have to reassess."

After the long winter Ni-

agara has experienced, the delay comes as no surprise, he added.

Bogora believes for some people, the first vessel seen along the canal is a "harbinger of spring. It's something we all look forward to."

Port Colborne's top hat ceremony, which takes place at Lock 8 Park and recognizes the first downbound ship to pass through the canal, is

scheduled for April 2 at 8:30 a.m. A traditional top hat is presented to the captain of the first ship to enter the canal from Lake Erie.

A top hat is also presented to the captain of the first upbound ship from Lake Ontario at Lock 3 in St. Catharines.

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■ I'VE BEEN THINKING

We must all obey when God calls

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A Mighty God takes the initiative in calling people out of darkness and into His marvelous light. Sometimes people receive a phone call and the call display reveals a person that they do not want to talk to so they do not answer. God often still sometimes when the Lord knocks on the door of peoples hearts they ignore that knocking to such an extent that it becomes fainter as they have never opened that locked door from the inside.

Many people sit in church day after day, week after week, month after month and year after year hearing that very same sermon and it affects them deeply while for others the seed bounces off of hearts that are hardened to the truth. While there is certainly human responsibility involved, yet divine sovereignty must take precedence. God first prepares the heart then opens it as was the case in the conversion of Lydia in Acts 16:14 "The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul." This is the Word and Spirit together which results in genuine conversion. This is not the general call of God to many but His special call to the few.

"For many are called, but few are chosen." (Matthew 22:14).

When the Lord called Peter, James and John to catch MEN not FISH, Luke 5:11 "And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him."

Some Christians are called to full time, "Secular" or "Part Time" ministry but they cannot be part time disciples. They must be salt and light wherever they are and to also do their best unto the Lord, whatever their vocation. Philip left the revival in Samaria to go to the desert to meet one person who was an Ethiopian Eunuch who in turn returned to the queen as He was in charge of all her treasure. He had found the greatest treasure of all in the Gospel and most certainly would have used His prestige and influence to tell others about this suffering Savior.

The Disciples left their nets, Philip left a revival and Matthew left his money to follow Christ. ("And He (Jesus) said to him, follow me and leaving everything he rose and followed Jesus" (Luke 5:27-28).

Matthew left his ill gotten gain — his old master to follow Jesus, his new master. That changed life was also vividly demonstrated when Jesus offered that woman of Samaria not physical water but living water. And upon

receiving Christ she left her ugly lifestyle, she left her live in lower and she left her water jar. She could not contain her excitement and had to share it with everyone. "Many Samaritans from that town believed in Him because of that woman's testimony" (John 4:39).

One woman, one changed life, and almost one changed town. Jesus once encountered a demon-possessed man.

"He lived among the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, for he had often been bound with shackles and chains and he wrenched the chains apart and he broke the shackles in pieces." Upon being set free by the Lord, he was unclothed no more, he was possessed no more, he was mad no more because he was now dressed, set free, and in his right mind. (Mark: 15).

What further change can we see in this man? He begged Jesus that he might go with him (vs 16), but Jesus said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you and show how He has had mercy on you." (vs 19).

The end result was that he did just that and everyone marvelled (vs 20). That before and after difference could not be denied.

Some are called to full time Christian Service, some are called to remain where they are, serving God in their spheres of influence. Others are called to leave their nets untended, any vocation, it may be to leave their money, to sell everything they have and go to the Mission Field. Whatever it is, we must all be obedient to our calling. Doctor Martin Lloyd Jones a prestigious doctor turned preacher was once asked why he gave up so much for the cause of Christ? to which he responded "I gave up nothing, but I gained everything."

What have you given up? What have you left behind for Christ? What have you gained? To become a Christian you must give up your old lifestyle, leave behind the ways of the world, and you will gain undeservedly the fullness of Eternal Life the God's Son Jesus Christ your own personal Lord and Savior. But respond now to the Lord's knocking on the door of your heart, do not let that sound fade or diminish. Open the door of your heart and invite Christ in and He will change your life from the inside out and will be evident to everyone to such an extent that they will even marvel at the change that Christ has made in your Life and He can also do the same for them.

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Man An was anchored at Singapore when a fire broke out on the bridge on Oct. 19, 1982. The blaze did extensive damage to the structure and equipment with the result that the vessel was declared a total loss.

It remained idle until March 2, 1983, when the former Great Lakes visitor was taken in tow for Ko Sichang, Thailand. It was laid up there until a berth at the scrapyard in Sracha, Thailand, was available and the ship was brought there to be broken up.



Thorfrid in the Welland Canal in 1959 in a photo by Tom Fraser.

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■ FUNDRAISING: Organization meets 2014 funding level

United Way falls short of goal

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While United Way of South Niagara did not reach its goal, Tarnan Coleman-Lawrie still considers this year's fundraising campaign a success.

The executive director of the organization that supports programs in Welland, Pelham, Port Colborne and Wainfleet was pleased to announce the campaign wrapped with United Way able to offer at least the same amount of funding as 2014 to eligible agencies.

"Right now, we're where we were last year," she said of the \$600,000 mark where the campaign sat Wednesday — \$50,000 shy of its target.

"It's a huge relief for us to be at the same level of funding."

During the last few weeks of the campaign, donations continued to "steadily trickle in," Coleman-Lawrie

said. That was assisted by a last-minute plea that called for \$100,000 to be raised in 10 days.

"It was so refreshing for us to see people who are able to step up, step up," she said.

"We're so grateful to the community for their support."

Coleman-Lawrie also recognized the reality that the organization was unable to meet its mark.

While the campaign did receive contributions from several new donors, "some accounts and workplace campaigns came in dramatically lower," she admitted.

"We want to make sure that when we do take a step forward, we're not taking two steps back."

She called it an "energizing" ending to what was a difficult campaign. "You can start to feel defeated. To see people rally together and do what they could was tremendous to us."

Knowing there are still pledges circulating in the community, Cole-

man-Lawrie urged people to get the donations into the United Way office to ensure the funds are distributed among the many worthy agencies.

She suspects the final total may be closer to \$610,000.

A community investment committee, consisting of 17 people, was selected in November and members began reviewing the 44 funding applications in January.

Each application is carefully analyzed and site visits are made to area agencies when necessary, Coleman-Lawrie said.

The group will be coming together tonight for what she anticipates will be "hours and hours" of discussion to help determine which programs should be funded and to what extent.

The committee's funding recommendations will then be submitted to United Way's board of directors for approval.

Decisions about which agencies

and programs receive funding are expected to be finalized by next week. Funding will begin April 1.

In order to fund all the applications received for 2015, United Way would have had to raise more than \$900,000.

An event to celebrate the campaign wrap takes place Friday, April 10, at Sparrow

Lakes Golf Course, 105 South Pelham Rd. in Welland from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.

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■ **MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS:** Surcharge added to marina dock fees

Rates increasing at Port Colborne facilities

MARYANNE FIRTH
QMI Agency Niagara

It's going to cost more to use most Port Colborne facilities in 2015.

City council approved the rates and fees structure for 2015 Monday night, including modest increases in several areas and the addition of a surcharge at Sugarloaf Harbour Marina meant to help fund Port Colborne Marine Auxiliary Rescue (POCOMAR).

The marina saw the most significant changes of all the lakeside city's facilities.

While there will be no rate increase for dockage, a \$50 charge will be added to access hydro for the season.

The biggest change, however, is the addition of the POCOMAR surcharge that will be applied to all boaters that dock at the marina.

The fee will help to offset the volunteer organization's expenses, as well as the sub-

sidy provided to the group from the city.

For seasonal boaters, the fee is set at 1% of their total dock fees. The added cost will range from \$5 for the least expensive dock to \$20.50 for the most expensive.

For transient boaters, there will be an increase of 6.5% that will up the cost by 10 cents per foot per boat. Fifty per cent of that increase is earmarked for the POCOMAR surcharge.

Based on the number of boaters that used the marina last season, the surcharge is expected to bring in \$4,885 for POCOMAR, about 44% of the \$11,000 the city currently grants the organization.

While the rates were passed Monday night, Ward 1 Coun. John Mayne asked that the seasonal boater surcharge be reviewed to not reflect the size of the required dock, as smaller boats are typically the ones requiring POCOMAR's assistance.

Community services manager Harry Hakim said the formula for the charge can be "weekend."

Ice rental rates at Vale Health and Wellness Centre are also set to increase, going up 4.5% to put them in line with rates in other area municipalities.

While there's no change to the family and public skating rates, the city has introduced a group rate of \$10 for a maximum of five people, including one adult. The group pass was added after multiple requests from the public.

Advertising rates at the Vale Centre are also set to increase by 2.1%.

Ward 1 Coun. Dave Elliott questioned whether the increases at the relatively new facility were high enough to offset the operating costs faced by the city.

Before Vale Health and Wellness Centre opened its doors in 2013, the city was subsidizing its existing facilities



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Families skate at Vale Health and Wellness Centre in this file photo.

at a cost of about \$700,000 annually, Peter Senese, Port Colborne's director of community and corporate services, said.

Since the opening of the Vale Centre, that number has increased to about \$1 million.

"It's a bigger facility with higher expenses," he said, while adding staff are working to reduce that number by increasing programming

and rentals rates over time, and exploring other revenue opportunities.

"It takes time to get things moving."

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IN BRIEF

Port Colborne tackling frozen pipes

Port Colborne is slowing thawing through its frozen-pipe problem.

In the past two months, frigid temperatures have resulted in the lakeside city

having 255 frozen water services, about 10 times the typical amount, Ron Hanson, the city's director of engineering and operations, told city council Monday.

In February, calls to the city peaked at 15 a day.

Staff have been working seven days a week to alleviate the problem and as of Monday had been able to clear 133 of the 250 frozen lines.

A priority list was created, Hanson said, that first targeted frozen services of vulnerable residents, including seniors and residents with disabilities, as well as businesses that needed water to continue to

operate.

The hope, he added, is that the plus-temperatures expected to hit Niagara in the coming weeks will help resolve some of the issues.

Port Colborne ward meeting tonight

Angie Desmarais and Yvon Doucet are eager to listen to the questions and concerns of local residents.

The Ward 2 councillors are

hosting a ward meeting today at Vale Health and Wellness Centre.

It begins at 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Fatal medical condition plays role in crash

A 68-year-old man has died following a collision on Niagara Stone Rd. in Virgil Tuesday afternoon.

The collision was minor, and

was the result of a medical condition, said Staff Sgt. James Mackay of the Niagara Regional Police.

At about 3:40 p.m., police, the Niagara-on-the-Lake fire department and paramedics were called to Niagara Stone Rd. at Field Rd., where a 2007 Toyota Camry heading north had drifted into the south-bound lane and hit a 2006 Ford Pulsator cargo truck travelling south. The driver of the truck

saw the Camry in time to slow down, and the collision caused little damage to either vehicle.

The driver of the Camry was taken to St. Catharines hospital in serious condition, and was later pronounced dead.

The man's name will not be released, said Mackay.

The police reconstruction unit was called to the scene, and Niagara Stone Rd. was closed to traffic from Four Mile Creek Rd. to Line 1.

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Port Colborne sets goals for future

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Port Colborne has set goals for itself to accomplish over the next four years that include in the areas of poverty, affordable housing, recreation and culture.

After a successful public strategic planning session in January, the results of the discussions and public presentations were evaluated by city staff and compiled into a report that was presented to council Monday night.

The report, approved without discussion, outlined 16 recommended strategic initiatives Port Colborne will look to take on.

Among those initiatives is the move to establish a healthy community and quality of life committee that will work to define issues and problems within the city, determine priorities and set achievable goals.

The committee will also look at poverty reduction strategies and affordable housing policies, working in conjunction with Port Cares and Niagara Region to help develop a plan to assist residents in need.

Port Colborne plans to update its economic development master plan, while continuing to focus on business retention and expansion and engaging the business community.

The city will also create a parks and recreation master plan, as well as an arts and culture master plan, the latter of which is set to take place this year. The arts plan is expected to look at Main St. as a potential arts district for the lakeside city.

Port Colborne, in conjunction with the Downtown BIA, also intends to use West St. and other commercial centres to help strengthen tourism and marketing opportunities.

On the operations side, a building assessment report will be completed for city-owned facilities to determine the condition of each and help develop schedules for maintenance and

replacement as needed.

That information will then be included into the city's ongoing asset management plan.

Short- and long-term financial strategies will be developed for tax level management, capital asset replacement, service levels, new initiatives, assessments and subsidies strategy, debt funding limits and debt capacity, and reserve funding for capital.

For a full list of strategic plan initiatives, visit www.portcolborne.ca and review the council agenda from March 9.

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■ TRANSIT

Large turnout for GO train rally

RAY SPITERI
QMI Agency Niagara

Many students want to come to Niagara, but they have no way to get here, say officials with the region's two post-secondary institutions.

"Right now, in the GTA, in the four colleges in Greater Toronto, they're overcrowded, they're turning students back," Niagara College President Dan Patterson said.

"Students want to come to Niagara, but they can't because they don't have daily GO service."

More than 100 people, including Niagara politicians, business and community leaders, attended a rally inside the Via Rail train station on Bridge St. in Niagara Falls on Friday. The rally was part of the continued effort to lobby the provincial government to support year-round GO train service in the region.

Friday was also the launch of a social-media campaign giving interested residents a chance to get their message across. Through www.niagarago.ca, residents can send tweets and selfies to Premier Kathleen Wynne, the minister of transportation and other politicians, urging them to support Niagara's proposal for daily GO train service.

Alan Schmidt, chair of Niagara College's board of governors, said statistics show many people have applied to the school, but don't end up enrolling because they don't have viable transit options to get here from Hamilton or Toronto.

"The majority of Brock students actually come from outside Niagara region, most notably the GTA, Hamilton, those areas," said Drew Ursacki, vice-president of external affairs with the Brock University Student Union.

"Having this GO train service would be incredibly beneficial to the students, to allow them to commute home ... but it would also impact the decision of prospective students who want to come to Brock University, but don't have a car or don't have accessibility or transportation."

He said bringing daily GO train service to Niagara would also help graduate retention rates.

"Students come to Brock University, set down roots in Niagara and they want to stay here, but unfortunately there aren't jobs for every single student that graduates from Brock, but having this GO train service and giving them the link to Toronto, to Hamilton and beyond would greatly increase the retention rates."

Niagara's 12 municipalities and the regional government have made year-round GO train service their No. 1 priority and have been working collaboratively to make a business case for trains connecting Niagara Falls to Toronto through Hamilton, with stops in St. Catharines

and Grimsby.

Last fall, Wynne expressed support, in principle, for extending GO train service to the region, but directed Niagara officials to work with Metrolinx, GO Transit and the Ministry of Transportation to develop a business case.

The business case is expected to be presented to Wynne in April. St. Catharines Liberal MPP and cabinet minister Jim Bradley was one of several politicians to speak during Friday's rally.

Niagara Falls Mayor Jim Diodati, St. Catharines Mayor Walter Soudzik, Niagara Regional Chair Alan Golan and Niagara Falls NDP MPP Wayne Gates were the others.

"What we see here today, which doesn't always happen, is we see a unified Niagara. We see people from all over Niagara," said Bradley.

During last year's provincial election, Bradley said "I can see it coming in 2015" when speaking about year-round GO train service in Niagara.

"I hope so, but we shall see," he said to QMI Agency Niagara after the rally, when asked if 2015 is still a realistic target. "That business case is going to be exceedingly important."

Bradley said the minister of transportation understands how important the GO issue is in Niagara.

"He is looking forward, as the premier is, to the case being built here, a business case."

"Many of the people who are here today from the business community, within their own business, they have to justify whatever they're going to do in a business case, and they understand that importance, and they're contributing to making that business case."

Larry Vaughan, of Ground Real Maintenance, said having daily GO train service in Niagara would help his business, and many other businesses in the region.

"I can't have my people and my equipment tied up on the highway. I have to get them moving. I have to be able to access Toronto," he said.

Schmidt, who is also chair of the Wine Council of Ontario, said there are almost 100 wineries along the wine route between Hamilton and Niagara.

"These trucks right behind me go right through the middle of that wine route. Most of the wineries are only minutes off of these trucks," he said.

"For most of those wineries, it is critical to have those tourism wine sales to sustain not only their business, but for us to continue to sustain the viability of the greenbelt, which we are proud to be a part of and be in."

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Drug probe yields four arrests

Four arrests have been made following investigation into the sale of drugs in Port Colborne.

The Niagara Regional Police Welland street crime unit made the arrests Thursday and subsequently seized about \$1,800 in suspected crystal methamphetamine, about \$200 in suspected cocaine, \$330 in cash and two weapons.

Andrew Lavallee, 24, of Port Colborne, is charged with possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking. Joseph Greville, 26, of Port Colborne, is charged with unauthorized possession of a prohibited weapon.

Lisa Michalik, otherwise known as Christine Hogg, 42, of Port Colborne, is charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking. Jeremy McGilvery, 28, of Port Colborne, is charged with possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking, possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime under \$5,000, weapons dangerous and two counts of breach of a recognizance of bail.

McGilvery was held in custody pending a bail hearing Friday, while Michalik, Greville and Lavallee were released on an officer in charge promise to appear and given a future

court date.

Police searching for missing Welland man

Niagara Regional Police are asking for the public's help in locating a missing Welland man.

Sancho Melo, 35, was last seen Monday at his Welland residence.

Foul play is not suspected, however, he is believed to be distraught and there is concern for his welfare.

Melo is described as a white male, 5-foot-9, 223 pounds, with short dark brown hair, a goatee and hazel eyes. He has a distinctive tattoo on the left side of his neck of a solid-colored, dark tribal design. He also has a mole on each cheek.

His clothing description is unknown. Melo may be driving a white Subaru. He may be in the Hamilton or Toronto area. Anyone with information is asked to call police at 905-735-7811.

Water safety advisory issued

In advance of rainfall forecast for this weekend, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority has issued a water safety advisory.

The region was expected to see about five millimetres of rain from Friday night to Saturday evening.

The precipitation, combined with temperatures of up to 7°C, will help to melt existing snow.

Many major and minor watercourses in the area are snow covered and frozen with water levels remaining well below critical thresholds, the NPCA said in a news release. While no major flooding is expected, the organization said low-lying areas prone to flooding may be impacted.

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Momentum building for Meridian Centre

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QMI Agency Niagara

With more than 5,000 tickets for Jerry Seinfeld's show completely sold out, the Meridian Centre is expecting promoters to take notice.

"We'll start to get that momentum," said Meridian Centre director of marketing Kay Meilleur.

The St. Catharines venue opened in October revealing a new, unknown and untapped market for events.

"This building is a great venue for enticing people to come here. It's new and it's a new market for a lot of people," Meilleur said. "When we can start to show promoters that we're selling out, absolutely it will help us bring in new shows."

Pre-sale tickets for Seinfeld's June 5 show requiring a promotional code sold out in a day. That convinced the promoter to issue a second block of hun-

dreds of pre-sale tickets which also sold out.

Tickets for the general public went on sale last Friday, with about 50 single seats available by the end of the workday.

The last single seat sold on Monday.

Meilleur said it's been exciting for the community and local business people, who are thrilled with increased traffic on event nights. When the Performing Arts Centre opens, she said downtown will be jammed.

"I think people in this area are just really desperate for entertainment," she said. "That, coupled with the ability to sell out, is definitely going to attract promoters to the area."

Musicians Tragically Hip and Colour previously packed the Meridian Centre in October and February but Seinfeld tickets were scooped up the fastest.

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■ NIAGARA REGION

Push for dispatch amalgamation slowed

ROB HOULE
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The brakes have been put on a push to amalgamate emergency dispatch services.

While he still wants to see it happen, Niagara Falls regional Coun. Bob Gale said during Niagara Region's public health and social services committee Tuesday he's content the issue is at

least "accelerating from 0 to 1." Gale proposed an amendment to recommendations in a committee report prepared by Niagara Emergency Medical Services chief Kevin Smith.

The first recommendation calls on the regional clerk to draft information packages for Niagara's 12 municipal councils to gauge support for consolidation of the dispatch services.

Currently, those services are provided by Niagara Regional Police, EMS, the Niagara Falls Fire Department and St. Catharines Fire Department, which also dispatches firefighters in Welland, Fort Erie, Pelham, Grimsby, Thorold, Wainfleet, Lincoln, West Lincoln and Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Gale's amendment deleted a second recommendation—that would have directed the Region CAO and chair "to engage the Police Services Board and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to determine the willingness of these partner agencies to participate in consolidated dispatch."

Gale, chair of the Niagara Regional Police Services Board, said he would take the issue to the board and didn't want to "waste" the time of either the chair or CAO.

After an official thumbs-up there, he said, he would take to the road as a regional councillor and police board chair, to bring the issue to each municipal council.

Gale had been vocal in his desire to see accelerated amalgamation of the services. He said doing so could potentially save regional taxpayers \$1.25 million annually, as a study released in late 2012 showed.

A working group consisting of the fire chiefs, the head of EMS and a representative from the NRP with the goal of reporting "back on ways to merge,

amalgamate or streamline their activities to better and more cost-effectively deliver emergency dispatch services for Niagara citizens and taxpayers," rejected the amalgamation recommendation in the report, citing in part "significant" implementation costs.

Regional council at the time decided not to press the issue, since the dispatch services provided by the fire departments are the purview of Niagara Falls and St. Catharines city councils.

Another roadblock to amalgamation is the fact EMS dispatch is funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care.

Gale said Tuesday, after talking with chief administrative officer Harry Schlang and regional Chair Alan Caslin, that he was content dispatch amalgamation would be explored "down the way."

In the meantime, he said, he is prepared to sell the issue at local councils. "I'd like to get my ducks in a row with the clerk on making sure we have all the information," Gale said.

"I would enjoy bringing my presentation to the mayors, or any mayors that would partake, because if I can't sell you on it, I can't sell your council."

Gale said his pitch to local councils would show the Region is not trying to force the issue.

"We aren't, we don't intend to. I want to get rid of that fear."

Final approval must come from regional council next week.

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Brooke Bultz
Oakdale Public School

Brooke is known for being a caring person, always willing to help out in any way possible. She is the kind of person that would go "above and beyond" to help other people whether in her school, her community or in her church. Brooke has been involved in various groups and organizations such as Girlguiders, the Eastern Wolf, Port Colborne Food Drive, as well as other activities that Brooke has developed a sense of leadership, developed respect for others, as well as making good friendships that are outside of her regular/school friends at her school. What is considered a difficulty for Brooke that she tries to overcome is "type". Brooke speaks herself and her sense of what is trying to help as many people as she can, often worrying that she does not have enough time. The impact that Brooke's services has made in her community is that she is becoming a role model for other students and encouraging others to help out in their communities.



Caitlyn Wade
McKay Public School

Caitlyn has already made some big strides within her school community. She is known to be a very enthusiastic member of the Earth Ranger Club having started a fundraiser for the Club. She also raised funds and awareness to help support the Eastern Wolf. Caitlyn organized an entire school bake sale on her own, making signs and announcements. She has inspired other students to start doing the same. Caitlyn's generous spirit was also demonstrated in January when she asked that in lieu of birthday gifts, donations be made to save the "holobirdie bird".



Aiden Speck
St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School

Known to be a positive role model to the younger students at St. Patrick Catholic, Aiden treats those younger students with compassion, respect and total understanding. He is always helping and caring and is willing to volunteer his time to help out a teacher/ staff member. As well, Aiden willingly takes on any extra responsibilities with the utmost enthusiasm. Aiden has made sure that a feeling of inclusiveness exists among the students. He also encourages others to do their best and Aiden's kindness to others displays his acceptance of them. Aiden has been involved in school-wide community builders such as Santa's Helpers, Kids Helping Kids and Volunteers for Yth. Aiden is also considered to be a faith-filled person and reflects the Gospel Values in whatever he does.

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Austin Speck
Port Colborne High School

Austin is a very active member of Students' Council at Port Colborne High School and carries a minimum overall average of 80%. He is also known for being articulate, confident, humble, thoughtful and caring. Austin works very hard on behalf of his peers to improve his community via leading by example and promotes inclusion for all. Austin lives by example of citizenship and gets himself involved in his school community as well as the Port Colborne/Walton communities. He has been a member of the District School Board of Niagara Student Trustees as a Representative for the PCJHS for the past couple of years, working on mental health awareness to eliminate the stigma of mental health in schools. Austin also demonstrates his concern for the welfare through his work with the "Me to We" campaign which raises funds to help support women in third-world countries.



Brandee Videcek
Lakeshore Catholic High School

Brandee is known for her volunteer work and helping younger children for the better part of her life. She is currently a grade 11 student at Lakeshore and has been on the honour roll since grade 8. Upon graduation from St. John's Wesleyan, Brandee has received numerous awards including academic achievement in both math and science. Brandee has been volunteering as an Alter server at St. Patrick's church since grade 5. She has also been a volunteer with the Port Colborne Youth Basketball Club for the past 7 years. Upon graduation from high school Brandee hopes to pursue her studies at McMaster University in Mechanical Engineering.



Emily Fretz
Lakeshore Catholic High School

Emily has completed well over 300 hours of community service and continues to volunteer her time in the community as well as her school, while still maintaining a high academic average. Although Emily was born with Brachial Plexus Syndrome, she does not let this hold her back. She is very outgoing, and does in any challenge presented to her. Emily uses her experience to mentor other children at St. Nick's with the same syndrome. She has become an example of all of the things that can be accomplished and has made a difference in many of these children.



Flora Sibley
Welland Memorial Secondary School

Despite a heavy academic load, Flora is being in Grade 12 French-Immersion, Flora continues to volunteer her services. She has far exceeded her required 40 hours of community service mandated by the District School Board of Niagara prior to graduation. Flora overcame challenges early on in her life, undergoing surgery and intensive speech therapy for an internal chest plate she was born with. By the age of 6 she had won the Award of Merit for public speaking primary division. Further to that, a career in linguistics or speech therapy may be in her future. Flora sets a great example of the ability of teens to make a difference in their community.

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Francis Italo Chivavetti

Born and raised in Port Colborne, Francis Chivavetti has become a very active member of the community, sitting on numerous boards and committees. Francis is committed to helping his clients achieve their financial goals through his current role as a Financial Advisor with Investors Group. He has been a member of the Canadian Armed Forces Naval Reserve since 2003. In memory of his brother, Justin Chivavetti, and others whose lives were cut short, Francis founded and currently chairs Forever Young Memorial Foundation, which provides an annual scholarship to students at Lakeshore Catholic as well as Port Colborne High School.



Gail Todd

Gail Todd, can be described as a champion for all things Port Colborne. Well known in the community, she is involved in all aspects of life in the city. Always with a smile on her face, Gail is known as being a positive, generous and contagiously happy individual. Through her business Searching Blue, Gail donates a number of organizations, including Port Cares. She is also a big supporter of the Port Colborne Police. What stands out about Gail is her generous nature, and her "yes I can" attitude.



Gary Bellhouse

Described as generous, friendly and compassionate, Gary Bellhouse has donated countless hours, and has helped raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for causes like the Big Move Cancer Ride. A selfless volunteer Gary quietly organizes, and supports a variety of different fundraisers and events. His most current project includes a fundraiser for Big Brothers/Big Sisters. His unassuming nature makes him a joy to work with. His commitment is always to the cause.

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Fay Defazio
Bakery Baker

Being described as a passionate, driven, caring and supportive woman, Fay Defazio began her business initially as the owner of the Market Café. However, the desire to own her very own bakery led her to the purchase of the former Judy's Bakery this past spring and the opening of her bakery on June 15th. Fay has made donations to several charities, as well as the Christmas Day dinner at Port Hope and the Reach Out Centre. On top of that, Fay donates dry old bread and rolls to *Lily Kapers* - a group home that is located in Welland that supports people with mental health issues. While facing the challenges with starting a business, Fay has the positive and upbeat attitude that is needed along with a good business sense and an fear of any hard work that needs doing.



Lisa Maddalena, ND

Dr. Lisa Maddalena always wanted to build a practice in a community such as Port Colborne that did not have a Naturopathic, always believing that all forms of health care should be accessible to everyone. She promotes the community through her practice, often referring her patients to local businesses in order to support and give back to the community that accepted her. A word that would best describe Dr. Maddalena would be *Nurturing*. Given the opportunity to do so, Dr. Maddalena would love to mentor someone that wants to be involved in the same practice of medicine as she is, she is also open to being mentored by people that have experience in the business world. One challenge facing Dr. Maddalena is the lack of awareness about Naturopathic Medicine and the ways that it can help individuals achieve their health care goals. That challenge is overcome by Dr. Maddalena holding associations with other business owners within Port Colborne to help promote her practice and to advocate the benefits of Naturopathic Medicine.



Judith Boroniec
Talwood Manor

With a dream of owning her own bed and breakfast, Judith Boroniec purchased the perfect home, on the corner of Haddon and Sign in Port Colborne and transformed it into her business - *The Talwood Manor Bed & Breakfast*. In the spring of 2008, Judith utilized her bed and breakfast to promote all things Port Colborne; from local shops and restaurants to arts and crafts events. The word that would often be used to describe Judith would be *gracious*. She is considered to be a mentor to the cooperative education students that she takes on for *Talwood Manor*. The few obstacles that Judith has encountered with the bed and breakfast is the consideration of the town's worth of renovations that she has placed and invested into the home.



Tracy MacLeod
Business Express

In 1995, while still working as a graphic artist, Tracy opened *Business Express* with a storefront in Niagara Falls. As a new woman startup she relied on her outstanding networking skills and quality service to build her business to the point of opening a second location in Port Colborne in 2004. Tracy's services range from a variety of services to her community. She has been an active member of the Port Colborne-Windsor Chamber of Commerce for the past five years. During that time she has been involved with the President's Council and the President's Council on Commerce and Marketing Committee. In addition she is heavily involved with *Business Network International* and provides mentoring and coaching to new business owners. Described as a *superwoman*, Tracy is always the first to volunteer her expertise and devotes countless hours to numerous projects.

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Brenda Field's is a family owned business that has rejuvenated new life into Main Street. Brenda's offers customers unique and creative ideas while integrating antiques and collectibles with their brick walls, wood flooring and antique light fixtures. The involvement that Brenda Field's has in their community includes thorough visits every that benefit Port Cares. The owners use Facebook as well as their own blog to their advantage. Involved Brenda's in fact has a great community connection. Brenda's hope that over the next five years, they will see the way the fourthlings along with the other businesses that are also located on Main Street.



Lisa Maddalena, ND

Dr. Lisa Maddalena, ND is a Naturopathic Doctor that provides holistic health care and prevents medicine while using natural therapies such as nutrition, herbal medicine, acupuncture and homopathy. Dr. Maddalena's goal is to grow a busy practice for people in the community and help those people achieve their goals when it comes to health and wellness. Dr. Maddalena uses social media tools such as Facebook to educate people on what Naturopathic Medicine is while promoting her business. She provides examples of what she can do for the community. She hopes to make a newsletter that people can subscribe to in order to get their information sent in a wider audience. Within five years Dr. Maddalena plans on developing many community partners and developing relationships with other local health care practitioners in order to gain greater acceptance of Naturopathic Medicine.



Heavenly Chocolates

Located in the heart of Port Colborne, Heavenly Chocolates provides homemade chocolates for virtually every occasion. Being a very new business, their involvement in the community has been limited to date. However, they have been involved with social events such as Christmas and Valentine's Day promotions. Heavenly Chocolates uses various social media tools such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to reach out to customers telling them about their array of products. Heavenly Chocolates's five year plan involves reaching out to many more event organizers and advertising their business in a larger audience so that the residents of Port Colborne are aware of their existence and know that they can get quality chocolate right at home.



Market Café

The Market Café offers its customers home-cooked food as well as home-cooked baked goods. The café specializes in homemade, healthy and fresh items while having the business goal in mind of just being successful. They are currently involved in the community through their participation in the Port Colborne and the Welland Seniors Association. The Market Café always taking part in the many other events that are happening in Port Colborne. The Market Café anticipates that five years from now they will be a flourishing business that will help enhance Port Colborne's downtown core.

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Evolution Window Films

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Market Café

Located on Clarence Street, the Market Café offers their customers the service they deserve, within a pleasant small town atmosphere. The Market Café offers an assortment of homemade food, baked goods and specialties in homemade, healthy and fresh items. They do this while offering an assortment of personalized service that is considered by many to be refreshing and hard to come by. Additionally, the Market Café also has the ability of adapting to a wide range of changes and also having an "outside the box" thinking style. Future plans for Market Café include the anticipation of steady growth paired with an emphasis on serving the community in a professional manner.



Lake Erie Property Maintenance

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Talwood Manor Bed and Breakfast

Having been recently awarded the 2014 Certificate of Excellence from TripAdvisor, Talwood Manor Bed and Breakfast is Port Colborne's premier bed and breakfast establishment and is celebrating its 10th anniversary. Owner Judith Boroniec gets herself and the staff active in all facets of community events ranging from the Rowleaves Centre for the Arts to the Port Colborne Festival Initiative and everything else in between. Through various social media tools, Judith promotes Talwood Manor Bed and Breakfast to business across Port Colborne and other businesses that are located in Welland. Judith's vision five years from now, is for Talwood Manor to be leading the way in hospitality services for Port Colborne.

LOCAL NEWS

PUBLIC HEALTH

Measles outbreak over in Niagara



Dr. Valerie Jaeger, medical officer of health for the Niagara Region.

ALISON LANGLEY
QMI Agency Niagara

The incubation period for the measles outbreak in Niagara is over, but public health officials say now is not the time to be complacent.

All told, there were six confirmed measles cases in Niagara, all involving unvaccinated people under the age of 30.

Dr. Valerie Jaeger, Niagara's medical officer of health, said the generally accepted incubation period for measles is 21 days.

Based on the last confirmed infection on Feb. 10, the incubation period ended March 3.

"And we're 11 days past that now," Jaeger said Thursday.

While the threat may be over, Jaeger is still encouraging residents to be vaccinated. The best way to

protect against the illness, she said, is to ensure vaccinations are up to date.

She credits public health staff as well as both school boards with helping to keep the recent outbreak of the highly-contagious disease to a minimum.

"We were very successful in containing the spread."

Vaccination clinics were held across the region after the first case of measles was confirmed Feb. 3.

Jaeger said 367 people were vaccinated at public health clinics.

Also, the health department distributed 4,826 doses of the MMR — a vaccine against measles, mumps and rubella — to local health care providers in February.

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LOCAL NEWS

HOMELESSNESS

Students sleep outdoors to raise awareness

GRANT LAFECHE
QMI Agency Niagara

Five days sleeping on the cobblestone walkway at Brock University wasn't as much of a drastic change for Kevin Collins as it was for his fellow students.

The cold. Sleeping on the ground. Not having heat or running water whenever he wanted it.

That's Collins's daily life. "The fact is, I am home-

less," said the 44-year-old geology student, who lives — by choice — in a tent near the university.

So it seemed like it made sense to do this.

Collins was one of about 20 Brock students who have slept outdoors in a long row for the past four days to help raise awareness about homelessness and support Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold.

Brittany Smith, vice-president of human resources for Brock's Business Student Association, said the annual event over five days and nights specifically attempts to draw attention to the plight of youth homelessness.

"We are talking about young people who don't have a choice or someone to turn to or a place to go," she said.

The students were collecting donations on campus for Community Care as well as online at www.5days.ca/brock/donate.

Student Melissa Trapani said the warming weather made the week easier, but it was still a trial.

"We are not allowed to go home to get anything, or shower or whatever," she said. "So really, none of us have showered for the week.

It's really awful not being able to brush your teeth."

However, Trapani said, as difficult as it is, she knows it ends for her on Friday. People who are really homeless don't have that luxury.

For someone like Collins, who lives outdoors because it is cheaper than paying rent, daily activities like showers happen in the university gym.

He said unlike some

homeless people, he is prepared to manage the cold and the elements. He has proper sleeping bags, tent and clothing. Others are not so lucky.

The event ends Friday, but donations to Community Care can still be made online until the end of the month.

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THE STUDY

To allow for future industrial park development, the City of Port Colborne, in the summer of 2014, initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study for site servicing of the East Side Employment Lands (ESEL) Phase 1 area (see map). The ESEL form part of Niagara Region's Niagara Gateway Economic Zone and Centre, which was first identified in the Provincial Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. The ESEL have been identified by the City as a priority for investment to enable and support development of these lands. Key components of the EA Study include the provision of municipal water and sanitary sewer systems, stormwater management, and road network improvements. The EA Study is being completed in accordance with the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act, and is following Approach #2 Master Planning Process of the Municipal Engineers Association.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

The project team has examined a full range of alternatives and improvements and identified a preferred municipal servicing strategy for the ESEL. A Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held to present the recommended municipal servicing strategy. The PIC is scheduled for:

Date: Monday March 23, 2015
Time: 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Location: Port Colborne City Hall, 66 Charlotte Street
3rd Floor Committee Room



You are invited to attend the PIC to review information about the study and speak to members of the study team who will be in attendance to discuss the project, receive comments and answer questions. The PIC will be conducted in an open house (drop-in) format, with display material and study documentation available for review.

Following the PIC, a Master Plan Project File Report will be prepared to document the planning process followed, including conclusions and recommendations, and how public input was received and considered. Notification of the locations and review period for the project file will be provided through similar newspaper advertisements and direct notifications to those on the project mailing list.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The City of Port Colborne wants anyone with an interest in the study to have an opportunity to provide input, which will help the project team in the decision-making process. Comments from review agencies and members of the public are encouraged now and throughout the study. Information regarding this study will be posted on the City's website as it becomes available.

(www.portcolborne.ca > City Hall > City Services > Engineering > Current Studies). In addition, a project email address has been established: SSESEL@portcolborne.ca. Comments and requests to be added to the study mailing list can be sent to the project email address or you can contact:

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■ MUNICIPAL FINANCE: Who are the big spenders on taxpayers' dime?

Petrovski tops in remitting Niagara Region expenses

BOB HOOLE
QMI Agency/Niagara

His expenses are a reflection of the job he is doing. So says St. Catharines Coun. Andy Petrovski, who topped Niagara Region councillors in billing for expenses in 2014.

In total, Petrovski was reimbursed \$48,402 — \$3,667 in mileage, \$2,557 for conference related expenses; and \$1,778 in a category noted in a region report as "other," which includes non-conference related meals, events and functions, telephone, Internet, books, publications and miscellaneous expenses.

"If you did an audit of my mileage, that's because I'm on up to 20 committees last year, that I have constituents calling from all over Niagara asking me to attend to their issues — be it a housing complaint, be it a road complaint in Fort Erie — so just the nature of where I'm being called out to," he said.

"Plus we expense mileage to conferences," Petrovski added in explaining his mileage claim, which surpassed that of southern tier mayors April Jeffs of Wainfleet (\$1,802), Vance Bad-

awey of Port Colborne (\$1,656) and Doug Martin of Fort Erie (\$1,617).

"Look, when we use our own vehicles, there's a cost, a federal government approved cost per mileage that takes into account maintenance and everything else," Petrovski said following a corporate services committee meeting Wednesday, where a report on councillor remuneration and expenses was released.

"I'm attending to constituent concerns all over the region. And it would be nice, perhaps, if they were addressed by their local representatives, sure. But when I say, 'What happened?' They tell me, 'I'm not getting service'."

"I don't mind hopping in my car to go look at a pothole or road crack or whatever."

The mileage rate at the region is 54 cents a kilometre for the first 5,000 kilometres and 48 cents a kilometre beyond 5,000.

Petrovski's total regional expenses in 2014 were \$2,667 higher than Niagara Falls' Coun. Selma Volpatti, who was reimbursed \$5,736.

Former regional chair Gary Burroughs was by far the leader

when it came to total pay and expenses to region politicians in 2014.

Burroughs was paid \$119,789 as chair and \$6,562 for sitting on the Niagara Regional Police services board for a total of \$126,352, resulting in benefits of \$16,073.

Burroughs was reimbursed a total of \$29,325, which included \$20,577 for a vehicle allowance in lieu of mileage.

St. Catharines Coun. Bruce Timms was tops among regional councillors in remuneration and expenses — \$51,218.

That figure includes the \$10,429 he received for chairing the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority board of directors and an additional \$2,538 in NPCA expenses.

Coming in second among regional councillors was Henry D'Angela of Thorold, who received \$51,068 in remuneration and expenses, including \$9,297 for chairing the police services board.

At the other end of the spectrum, former Welland mayor Barry Sharpe submitted the lowest claim for regional expenses — \$758.

For the 12-month period Jan. 1, 2014, to Dec. 31, 2014

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\$25,950.14 (regional council), \$6,562.69 (police board) = \$32,512.83 + \$6,562.50 (total benefits), \$1,656.76 (mileage), \$40,112 (other) = \$2,057.87 (total regional expenses); other expenses \$769.31 (NRPS); \$41,732.91 in total remuneration and expenses.

DAVID BARRICK, \$29,459.25 (total benefits), \$1,730.40 (Niagara Regional Housing board) = \$31,189.65 + \$6,902.28 (total benefits), \$951.79 (mileage), \$11,400.72 (conference related expenses), \$2,238.03 (other) = \$4,340.53 (total regional expenses); other expenses \$150.76 (NRH); \$42,591.22 in total remuneration and expenses.

BRIAN BAY, \$29,459.25 (regional council), \$1,180.69 (NPCA), \$7,761.00 (Niagara Escarpment Commission) = \$38,400.94 + \$6,052.84 (total benefits), \$1,678.03 (mileage), \$1,200.09 (conferences), \$1,203.14 (other) = \$4,681.26 (total regional expenses); other expenses \$184 (NPCA).

HENRY D'ANGELA, \$27,625.88 (regional council), \$3,297.14 (NRPS), \$2,338.47 (NRH) = \$39,261.49 + \$7,042.84 (total benefits), \$289.44 (mileage), \$1,464.81 (other) = \$1,754.25 (total regional expenses); other expenses \$2,888.61 (NRPS), \$120.95 (NRH); \$51,068.15 in total remuneration and expenses.

BARBARA GREENWOOD, \$27,823.51 (regional council),

\$11,375.00 (NEC); \$50,456.54 in total remuneration and expenses.

GARY BURROUGH,
\$119,789.58 (regional council), \$6,562.69 (NRPS), = \$126,352.27 + \$16,073.64 (total benefits), \$20,731.64 (vehicle allowance), \$2,985.15 (conferences), \$5,405.63 (other) = \$29,127.42 (total regional expenses); other expenses \$202.50 (NRPS); \$171,751.61 in total remuneration and expenses.

ALAN CASLIN, \$29,679.21 (regional council), \$7,414.83 (total benefits), \$979.20 (mileage), \$1,119.10 (conferences), \$1,105.55 (other) = \$3,203.85 (total regional expenses); \$40,297.89 in total remuneration and expenses.

HENRY D'ANGELA,
\$27,625.88 (regional council), \$3,297.14 (NRPS), \$2,338.47 (NRH) = \$39,261.49 + \$7,042.84 (total benefits), \$289.44 (mileage), \$1,464.81 (other) = \$1,754.25 (total regional expenses); other expenses \$2,888.61 (NRPS), \$120.95 (NRH); \$51,068.15 in total remuneration and expenses.

BARBARA GREENWOOD, \$27,823.51 (regional council),

\$3,307.50 (Niagara Parks Commission) = \$31,131.01 + \$5,799.42 (total benefits), \$1,284.69 (mileage), \$1,538.27 (conferences), \$2,340.99 (other) = \$5,163.94 (total regional expenses); other expenses \$119.30 (NPCC); \$41,993.67 in total remuneration and expenses.

BILL HODGSON,
\$29,459.25 (regional council) + \$6,879.93 (total benefits); \$2,460.15 (mileage), \$921.56 (conferences), \$3,848.44 (other) = \$4,130.16 (total regional expenses); \$40,469.34 in total remuneration and expenses.

APRIL JEFFS, \$27,625.88 (regional council), \$3,773.09 (NRH) = \$31,398.97 + \$6,685.57 (total benefits); \$802.53 (mileage), \$132.84 (conferences), \$821.45 (other) = \$2,756.82 (total regional expenses); other expenses \$525 (NPCC); \$41,366.36 in total remuneration and expenses.

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\$27,625.88 (regional council) + \$6,085.57 (total benefits); \$3,667.70 (mileage), \$2,957.53 (conferences), \$1,778.28 (other) = \$8,403.52 (total regional expenses); \$42,714.97 in total remuneration and expenses.

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